

NINETY-SEVENTH YEAR.

SUNDAY MORNING, AUGUST 14, 1904.

PRICE FIVE CENTS.

TOGO ENGAGED IN BATTLE
WITH VLADIVOSTOK FLEET

Japanese Trying to Repulse Northern Squadron Before It Effects Junction With Vessels Which Escaped From Port Arthur—Disaster to Russians on Sea Wednesday Far Greater Than First Reported—Admiral Witthoft Killed in Action—Most of Vessels Shot to Pieces.

BATTLE WITH BIG RUSSIAN LOSS REPORTED AT PORT ARTHUR

Tokio receives a wireless message stating that the Japanese squadron is now engaging the Vladivostok fleet, which is supposed to have attempted to form a junction with the vessels which escaped from Port Arthur.

Dispatches from various quarters begin to show that the rout of the Russian vessels when they emerged from Port Arthur Wednesday was much worse than at first supposed.

Rear Admiral Witthoft was killed in the engagement and his ship, the *Czarevitch*, rendered almost worthless. A shell exploded on the bridge where the Admiral was standing, blowing him to pieces. The ship lost 210 officers and men in killed and sixty were wounded.

Admiral Togo's report that five Russian battleships were badly damaged appears to be true. The *Pobieda* lost two masts, and one of her heavy guns was dismantled. The flagship *Rositzan*, which was hit several times at a distance of 8,500 yards, probably sustained the greatest injury. The *Bayan* has not been accounted for since the engagement.

Of the vessels which took refuge in the German port of Tsing-Chou, the *Novik* alone was able to depart within the time limit of twenty-four hours set by Germany. All the other vessels are said to be too badly damaged to put to sea.

Consul General Goodnow reports that the *Askold*, seriously crippled and almost unseaworthy, arrived at Shanghai yesterday and wanted to dock. Twenty-four hours was given her, but the Captain demanded more time. Eleven of her crew were killed and fifty wounded in the engagement.

Four Russian vessels of smaller types are still anchored off the Saddle Islands. A Japanese squadron is waiting off the coast to meet them when they come out.

Heavy land fighting is reported to have taken place at Port Arthur, and the Russian loss is said to have been enormous. The proposal of the Japanese to take away all noncombatants is taken to mean that final operations against the city have begun.

A report is current that Japan has decided to return the Russian torpedo-boat destroyer "cut out" of Chefoo to some Chinese port in order to prevent a break of China's neutrality, but until a note which Japan is preparing to the Powers is made public the situation remains clouded.

Tokio, Aug. 14.—The protected cruiser *Takashish* reports by wireless telegraph to the Admiralty that the Japanese squadron was engaging the Vladivostok fleet off Tsu Islands in the Straits of Korea at 5 o'clock to-day (Sunday).

SPECIAL BY CABLE TO THE ST. LOUIS REPUBLIC AND THE NEW YORK HERALD. St. Petersburg, Aug. 13.—(Copyright, 1904.)—The station concerning the fleet's departure from Port Arthur prevailing yesterday turned to gloom to-day since the news arrived that Rear Admiral Witthoft was killed on the bridge of the *Czarevitch*; that several ships went to Tsing-Chou, where the Germans may detain them, and that others sought refuge along the Chinese coast, while many more are unaccounted for.

The invalid says: "The fleet was forced to leave Port Arthur, owing to the vertical fire of the Japanese."

It is now said that it will be impossible for the Russians to repair the vessels which returned to Port Arthur on account of the Japanese fire.

A special dispatch from Mukden says the chief Chinese official there has had a notice posted on the walls instructing the inhabitants to give a warm welcome to the Japanese on their entry into the city.

An immediate protest to the Powers is to be made by Russia against the Japanese action and the Chinese collusion in the matter of the *Ryehitein*.

It is rumored that the *Novik*, with her fine speed, put at twenty-five knots, after cooling at Shanghai, proceeded to join the Vladivostok squadron.

Prince Khilkoff announces the opening of the Ciro-Baikai Railroad for the end of August. This will enormously facilitate the forwarding of troops.

ADIRAL WITTHOFT BLOWN TO PIECES.

Admiral Witthoft was standing on the bridge giving orders when a shell burst by his side, blowing him to pieces.

One of his legs, which fell on the deck, was all that was found of him. Several officers who were standing by his side were killed.

The *Czarevitch* was riddled with shells, one of her funnels was shot away and her rudder was destroyed.

A private telegram to-night says that the *Czarevitch* has moved farther into Tsingchou Harbor, following a demand made by the Japanese that the Russians come out and fight.

It is surmised that the *Czarevitch* will be dismantled.

A dispatch from Wei-Hai-Wei says the Russian torpedo-boat destroyer *Burni* was beached August 12 on the south of the Shantung promontory, and blown up. Three of her officers and sixty men, who walked from the scene of the accident, have arrived at Wei-Hai-Wei.

BIG LAND BATTLE AT PORT ARTHUR.

Berlin, Aug. 13.—A dispatch to the *Lokal Anzeiger* from Tokio, dated 12:30 p. m. to-day, says that the heavy fighting took place at Port Arthur all night Tuesday and Wednesday, and that the Russian losses are reported to be enormous.

Japan has given the German Government an intimation that she is preparing a statement regarding the seizure of the Russian torpedo-boat destroyer, *Ryehitein*, at Chefoo.

The Foreign Office, therefore, is disinclined to express its views on the Washington dispatches, indicating that the State Department is concerned about the apparent breach of neutrality on the part of the Japanese torpedo boats.

According to a news agency's dispatch from Tokio, the Russian torpedo-boat destroyer *Ryehitein*, which was captured by the Japanese at Chefoo, is being taken to a Chinese port.

NONCOMBATANTS TO BE REMOVED FROM PORT ARTHUR.

Tokio, Aug. 13.—The Emperor, through Field Marshal Yamagata, chief of the General Staff, has directed Field Marshal Oyama, commander of the Japanese armies in the field, to permit the women, priests, merchants and diplomats and the officers of neutral Powers to leave Port Arthur and to extend to them shelter at Port Dairi.

Authority is given Oyama to remove other noncombatants not enumerated, providing it does not affect the military operations. Yamagata's formal order declares that the Emperor, prompted by humanity, desires to spare the noncombat-

COAT AND \$17,000
LOST TEN MINUTES
TO HEAD COMMITTEE

Joseph L. Liles of Ohio in Zeal to Hear Speech Leaves Garment on Chair.

Will Be in Charge of the Democratic Executive Members This Fall.

GUARD GIVES IT TO CAPTAIN.

Owner of Money and Bonds Rushes Through Crowd in Excited Search—Finally Locates Property.

For ten minutes during the time the addresses were being delivered from the grand stand in the Philippine Reservation yesterday, Joseph L. Liles of Hill Center, O., was minus his coat and incidentally \$17,000, which was hidden in the inner pocket.

Mr. Liles occupied a seat near the stand. When the sun became too warm for him he decided to remove his coat and placed it on the back of his chair. Mr. Liles is an old man and slightly deaf. He became interested in Secretary Taft's speech and desisted to catch every word of it.

While he was listening to the speech Colonel Clarence B. Edwards gave orders to the guards to have the rope which had been stretched to keep the people back removed, so they could get nearer the stand. When Guard C. B. O'Connell went to remove the rope, he also had to remove the chair.

He looked around for the owner of the coat, and, not finding him, turned the coat over to Inspector Captain Shute of the Guards.

POCKETS SEARCHED.

The outside pockets of the coat were searched and found to contain two postage stamps and two one-dollar bills. Then the coat was taken to the office.

Ten minutes afterwards a much-excited man came rushing along the walk, inquiring of every guard if he had seen his coat. He finally met Guard Cahusan, who directed him to the garment.

"Why, I would have been ruined had I lost my coat," cried the man, excitedly. "It contains over \$17,000."

Mr. Liles's search of the coat revealed checks amounting to \$2,000, a bank book, two one-hundred-dollar bills, one railroad ticket to Bell Center and notes, bonds and other negotiable paper to the amount of \$17,000.

When Mr. Liles found that his valuables were secure he slipped his coat over his arm and hurried away, not even stopping to express his gratitude for their return.

LEADING TOPICS
—IN—
TO-DAY'S REPUBLIC.

GRAIN CLOSURE. ST. LOUIS—SEPT. WHEAT 57c; ASKED; SEPT. CORN 33c; ASKED. CHICAGO—SEPT. WHEAT 1.00c; ASKED; SEPT. CORN 23c.

WEATHER INDICATIONS.
Forecast for St. Louis and vicinity—Fair and cooler.

PART I.
1. Joy Gives Way to Gloom at Russian Capital.

2. Strikers Charged With Contempt.

3. Military Events Numerous at the Fair.

4. Fitting Ceremonies on Scotch Day.

5. May Go Yachting With Real Lords.

6. How Will the Torpedo Destroyers Develop?

7. Results of Experiments in Plant Fertilization Shown.

8. K. & L. of H. to Celebrate Twenty-Sixth Anniversary.

9. Regular Dramatic Season Has Started.

10. World's Fair News.

11. Happy Sequel to "Cousin" Romance.

12. The Republic's Daily Racing Form Chart.

13. Baseball Scores.

14. Financial News.

15. Plays Farmer to Trap Criminals.

16. Japs Wait For Enemy To Come Out of Harbor.

17. Opening of Live-Stock Competitions at Fair.

18. Dangerous New Current Off Hatteras.

19. Races at the Fair Grounds.

20. Gossip of Olympic Games.

BIG CAMPAIGN OPENING.

Leaders Discuss the Springfield Meeting—Arrange for the Raising of Finances for Meeting.

After every effort had been made to put N. W. McLeod at the head of the Democratic State Executive Committee, Congressman W. L. Vandiver was yesterday persuaded to accept the place by State Chairman W. N. Evans. Congressman Vandiver himself had wired to Mr. McLeod, Mr. Folk and Judge Evans asking them to make the St. Louis man chairman, but Mr. McLeod said that his business would not justify his acceptance of the position. He will, however, lend every possible assistance to the committee, of which he is a member.

The Executive Committee was in session for three hours yesterday morning with Circuit Attorney Folk. He was the only one of the State nominees who was present. James W. Mytton of St. Joseph was absent. The committee members on hand were State Chairman Evans, Congressman Vandiver, Mr. McLeod, Doctor D. H. Shields of Hannibal, James H. Miles of St. Louis, Virgil Conkling of Carrollton, Frank E. Russell of Conway and Joseph P. Shannon of Kansas City, who held the proxy of Judge G. Lee Chisman of Independence.

The opening of the campaign in Springfield occupied much attention. Letters received from Springfield Democrats, who have organized for the affair, indicate that there will be a large and representative attendance. Special trains will be run to Springfield, and cut rates will be established for the occasion.

According to the present plans, it is proposed to have Circuit Attorney Folk and the other nominees of the ticket speak at the Metropolitan Opera-house in the afternoon. At night William J. Bryan will speak at the same place. If the weather will permit the crowds are sufficiently large, it is possible that the speeches will be on the open square from a big platform. Local conditions will largely control this feature of the opening.

Financial management of the campaign occupied a share of the discussion. Owing to the reforms which Mr. Folk has advocated, the contributions will come largely from individual advocates of Mr. Folk's election.

No corporation will be asked to contribute. Luttering from the past, no lump contribution will be received from the police, but individual policemen will have the same privilege of any citizen to contribute, without compulsion, direct to the committee.

Recognizing the handicap, both the chairman of the committee and the chairman of the Executive Committee will receive no compensation for their services. Only the secretary of the committee and the office force will be paid.

It was decided yesterday to appoint Austin Kinney of Carrollton assistant secretary and Secretary O. J. Bell. He will arrive the first of the week. Chairman Evans left last night for West Plains. During his absence Congressman Vandiver will be in charge of the headquarters.

A feature of yesterday's session of the committee that made it pleasant was the receipt of a crate of extra large elberta peaches from Captain K. F. Woodside of Thayer, Oregon County, the father of Hal Woodside, who is the secretary of the Executive Committee and private secretary of Chairman Evans. The Oregon County Elberta peach crop will be over next week and the Executive Committee men made the most of the opportunity.

At a meeting of all the employees of the two big Jones factories, Mrs. Jones, who is highly educated and a social leader, addressed the assembly. She said she was desirous of becoming better acquainted with them and their families. She will set aside one evening each week to meet the wives of all the employees.

Mrs. Jones is president of the Eurydice Club here and a recognized power among women leaders. She said she wishes to perpetuate her husband's ideas, and voluntarily assumes the leadership he has laid down. The social principles governing factories will be continued.

To-morrow afternoon there is to be an usual Sunday rally at Golden Rule Park, and Mrs. Jones is expected to deliver an address relative to the work she proposes to do.

WEATHER MAY BE COOLER.

Highest Temperature Recorded Yesterday Was 92 Degrees.

Fair and cooler weather is the prediction for to-day. Just how much cooler the weather will be the local forecaster does not venture to say.

The highest temperature yesterday was 92 degrees, recorded at 4 o'clock in the afternoon. At noon the thermometer registered 89 degrees and steadily rose. At 7 o'clock it had dropped to 83 degrees.

A "high" in the Southwest is the cause of the present heat as it is driving the currents of hot air from the South. There is no rain in sight.

ISSUE WITH TURKEY SETTLED.

Constantinople, Aug. 13.—The issues between Turkey and the United States were arranged to-day to the satisfaction of both interests.

HEAVY WORLD'S FAIR TRAFFIC FROM TEXAS.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.
Dallas, Tex., Aug. 13.—The general passenger department of the Texas and Pacific road gave out the statement to-night from headquarters in Dallas that the Texas and Pacific handled more passengers for St. Louis to-day than in any other day in the road's history. Texas and Pacific trains turned over to the Iron Mountain at Texarkana more than 1,500 World's Fair passengers, nearly all of whom are due to arrive in St. Louis to-morrow morning.

FURNITURE FOR STATE SENATE.

Committee of Missouri Legislators Meet at the Fair.

The Commissioners' room of the Missouri building at the World's Fair was the scene of a veritable furniture men's convention yesterday, dealers in carpets and desks being present to confer with a committee from the Missouri State Senate with reference to furnishing the Senate Chamber at Jefferson City.

The committee, which is composed of Senators John F. Norton of the Eighth District, Frank M. McDavid of the Twentieth and Hugh McIndoe of the Twenty-eighth, inspected samples of carpets on display in the room, and also made a trip through the carpet exhibits in the palace of Liberal Arts and Manufactures. A sample of the style of desk desired by the Senate was shown and bids were asked.

DOCTOR WATSON
UNDER ARREST.

Coroner's Jury Does Not Implicate Him, but Information Is Filed.

POISON IN WIFE'S STOMACH.

Physicians Who Found It There Testify That Her Death Was Not Caused by Fall or Drowning.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.
New London, Mo., Aug. 13.—In the Watson inquest case about a dozen witnesses were examined to-day, beginning with Doctor Waldo Briggs of St. Louis, who stated that a most thorough examination of the body of Mrs. Watson and a microscopic examination of parts of all the vital organs revealed perfectly normal conditions and that death was not caused by external violence or drowning.

Doctor Kinder of St. Louis, who assisted Doctor Briggs in the autopsy, stated that each vital part examined was in a normal and healthy condition, and evidence of external violence or drowning was totally absent.

Doctor C. W. Lilly of St. Louis, the chemist to whom the stomach was given for analysis, stated that he found three separate traces of morphine in the stomach contents; that his examination was not complete as to other poisons, if any present, and the quantity of morphine was at present unknown.

Doctors Jaudon and Baskett, who were present at the autopsy, stated that all symptoms of drowning and violence were absent. Judge McElhenny of Clayton testified to the peculiar conduct of Doctor Watson in St. Louis after his recovery, which excited his suspicion.

Postal clerk at the inside inn related the presence of Doctor Watson and Miss A. M. Burk at that place soon after the death of Mrs. Watson, and the inquiry for each other's mail. Agents of the insurance companies stated that \$17,250 accident insurance was carried by Mrs. Watson in her husband's favor.

J. J. Suter and Mrs. J. Suter, parents of Mrs. Watson, Mrs. Norris and another sister, related family knowledge of unkind relations between Doctor Watson and wife shortly prior to her death.

Mr. Suter stated that in a conversation he had with his daughter in Pueblo two years ago she told him that there was something heavy on her heart, that Jones had recently told her that he did not love her and wanted to leave her.

This evening the testimony closed, and the jury in twenty minutes reported by their foreman, W. R. Netherland, that the cause of the death of Mrs. Watson was to its members unknown.

At 7:30 this evening Doctor Watson was arrested by Sheriff Witmore and placed in jail on the affidavit of John J. Suter, supported by the information of Prosecuting Attorney Hulse, charging him with the murder of his wife by poison, administered through the mouth and hypodermically. The charge makes the case not bailable.

"GOLDEN RULES" IDEAS ARE TO BE PERPETUATED.

Widow of Mayor Jones of Toledo Will Inculcate Principles Favored by Husband.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.
Toledo, Aug. 13.—The widow of Golden Rule Mayor Sam Jones will continue his great life work along the lines he has so persistently labored on.

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RUNAWAY ACCIDENT FATAL
TO MRS. BRECKINRIDGE JONES

Wife of Vice President of Mississippi Valley Trust Sustains Injuries by Team Running Away at the World's Fair Grounds Which Caused Her Death an Hour Later—Pinned Beneath Carriage Which Rolled Down Eighteen-Foot Embankment—Husband and Daughter Escape.

Mrs. Breckinridge Jones, wife of the vice president and counselor of the Missouri Valley Trust Company, was thrown from her carriage while driving through the World's Fair grounds yesterday afternoon, sustaining injuries which proved fatal an hour later.

The accident occurred about 5 o'clock in the afternoon, near the southwest corner of the Boer War Exhibit, and was caused by the horses attached to the carriage running away and carrying the vehicle over an embankment eighteen feet deep, through which the Intramural Railroad extends and which is spanned by a bridge.

In the carriage, which was driven by Oscar Chouteau, were Mr. and Mrs. Jones, their daughter, Mary B. Jones, and Mrs. Jones's niece, Miss McKinnis.

None of the occupants, except Mrs. Jones, was seriously injured, though the daughter sustained bruises on her head and Miss McKinnis sustained slight contusions.

At the family residence, No. 43 Portland place, where Mrs. Jones's body was taken soon after she died, in the tent of Captain Blakesley of the Boer War Exhibit, to which place she was removed from the scene of the accident, Frank N. Johnson of No. 47 Portland place, an intimate friend of the family, said that Mrs. Jones was prostrated by the accident and had requested him to make the following statements regarding the accident:

HOW ACCIDENT OCCURRED.
"Mrs. Jones was on the seat with the coachman, and they were going down the steep incline which leads west along the south line of the Boer War Exhibit, when the carriage struck a large obstruction with sufficient violence to throw the driver from his seat.

"As he fell he retained the reins in his hand and the jerk caused by his fall frightened the horses, which began to run. The driver lost his hold on the reins and Mr. Jones immediately jumped from the carriage and endeavored to catch them by the bit. In this he was not successful, and he then tried to hold on to one of the traces, but was unable to do so.

The horses with Mrs. Jones and the two girls plunged down the hill to the bridge at the foot of which spans the Intramural tracks, and crosses a cut about eighteen feet deep.

"One of the horses tried to draw the carriage onto the bridge, but the other, a spirited bay, pulled toward the embankment. The carriage swerved and all were thrown down the declivity.

"Mrs. Jones was pinned under the carriage, but the girls were thrown out and were not hurt."

REMOVED FROM CARRIAGE.
Frank Kelly, an employee of the Boer

side of the platform, on which the aerial navigator takes his position in front.

The propeller on each side can be immediately thrown out of action by means of the ingenious device of an embrace wheel. When one of the front propellers is put out of action the airship begins to turn in the direction desired. Thus it has been possible to abolish all need for a rudder. The motor of thirty-horse-power was constructed by Prosper Lambert of Nanterre. The radiators are placed in front of the car. M. Lambert also furnished all the other mechanism of the airship. The balloon is in the form of an ellipse with pointed extremities. It is 234 meters in length, the greatest diameter is 114 meters and was made by Godard.

The Republic correspondent this evening showed Colonel d'Artois a copy of the press containing remarks attributed to M. Godard, criticizing certain changes made since the beginning of July without his approval.

Colonel d'Artois said:

"The changes referred to were made at my request. The balloon was originally suspended only one meter above the car, and in such manner that friction on the balloon silk would begin to wear it out after a single excursion among the clouds.

"Accordingly, I had the length of the suspension cables reduced to two meters and have further modified the method of suspension by the adoption of a number of 'cosses' instead of the single 'cosse' at each end, which was originally employed to connect the balloon and car. These measures were necessary to minimize the friction on the balloon."

BRITISH SEIZE BIRD'S ISLAND.

Kingstown, Island of St. Vincent, B. W. I., Aug. 13.—The British cruiser *Tribune*, on August 11, landed a party under command of the Lieutenant Threlfall at Aves, or Bird's Island, twelve miles west of the north end of the island of Dominica, and annexed it as a British possession.

Guns were hauled through the surf and landed, the British flag was hoisted and a royal salute was fired.

The *Tribune* then proceeded direct to St. Vincent, arriving here yesterday. The *Tribune* left to-day, being ordered to Venezuela to protect British interests at Caracas.

SCHWAB TO GIVE MONEY FOR MANUAL TRAINING SCHOOL

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.
Loretto, Pa., Aug. 13.—Charles M. Schwab, who is spending a short vacation at his summer home here, to-day told how he is going to dispose of his wealth. He says he believes there is "nothing creditable in dying rich." In telling how he expects to part with his fortune he said:

"It is a harder thing to spend money than most folks imagine—that is, to spend it in the right way. Industrial schools are my hobby, not only for boys and girls of sound body, but where the crippled and deformed children may learn some useful occupation."

"I have observed during my connection with the steel industry that the tendency nowadays is for the young men to have an ambition to get out of manual labor. The crying need of to-day is that young men be taught some useful work to do with their hands."

"I believe the time will come when industrial training will be taught in every public school. The State will take it up."

"Boys and girls who go to school are taught nothing but books, books, books. They don't get an opportunity to learn how to do things with their hands—that which will be of practical value to them in earning a competence."

"Now, it's along these lines that Mrs. Schwab and I are going to spend our money—for manual training schools. That is, when we get some to spend. What little we have done in the philanthropic line has been so bitterly attacked that we are not going to do anything more just now. I may be a little sensitive, but public criticism hurts—it really hurts."